(ii) Setting up of way side amenities at August Muni and Helang,

(iii) Yatri Shed at Haridwar.

Proposal for tented accommodation at Nand Prayag has been sanctioned and funds have been released. Other proposals are under process.

Modernisation of Coimbatore Airport

2176. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to modernise Coimbatore airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Ajanta and Ellora as Tourist Sports

2177. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to develop Ajanta and Ellora the internationally famous caves in coordination with Japan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the other tourist places in India which are being developed on this line;

(d) whether it is a fact that alongwith the development of tourist centres Aurangabad Airport is also being upgraded to the level of an international airport; and

(e) by when the projects will be started and completed and what is the time limit for the completion of such type of work ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A loan agreement has been signed by the Government of India and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan on 9th January, 1992 for conservation and development of Ajanta and Ellora. Out of a total project cost of 4406 million Japanese Yen, financial assistance to the tune of 3745 million Japanese Yen would be made available for this project. The main components of the project are conservation of monuments, aforestation, augmentation of water supply, electricity, improvement of roads, visitors management centre. Strengthenised of Aurangabad airport is also included in the project.

Under the OECF Project, financial assistance is being received from the Government of Japan for the development of the identified Buddhist Circuit in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(e) The loan agreement for the Ajanta and Ellora Project is effective from 30th March, 1992 and the project is expected to be completed by December, 1996.

Number of Flights from different Airports

2178. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of flights which are run from each airport in the country; and

(b) what is the criteria/policy of Government to increase/decrease the number flights from Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad, Vadodra, Bangalore, Jaipur and Trivandrum ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot operate 151, 1533 and 111 flights respectively per week from different airports in the country, at present.

(b) Depending upon the availability of operating aircraft and crew, traffic demand, and potential to sustain economically viable operations, number of flights are increased or reduced by the airline concerned.